

APPENDIX O

DAILY TMDLS AND INSTANTANEOUS TEMPERATURE LOADS

A TMDL is the sum of waste load allocations (WLAs) for point sources and load allocations (LAs) for nonpoint sources (**Equation O-1**). In addition, the TMDL includes a margin of safety (MOS) that accounts for the uncertainty in the relationship between pollutant loads and the quality of the receiving stream.

Equation O-1.

$$\text{TMDL} = \Sigma \text{WLA} + \Sigma \text{LA} + \text{MOS}.$$

Where:

ΣWLA = Waste Load Allocation = Pollutants from NPDES Point Sources

ΣLA = Load Allocation = Pollutants from Nonpoint Sources + Natural Sources

MOS = Margin of Safety

Total maximum daily loads are based on the loading of a pollutant to a water body. Federal Codes indicate that for each thermally listed water body the total maximum daily thermal load cannot be exceeded in order to assure protection and propagation of a balanced, indigenous population of shellfish, fish, and wildlife. Such estimates shall take into account the water temperatures, flow rates, seasonal variations, existing sources of heat input, and the dissipative capacity of the identified waters. The following approach for setting numeric temperature TMDLs considers all of the factors listed above.

The numeric daily temperature TMDLs presented in this appendix apply to all the temperature impaired waters in the St. Regis watershed including Big Creek, Twelvemile Creek, and the St. Regis River. All waters in the St. Regis watershed are classified as B1. Montana's temperature standard for B1 classified waters is depicted in **Figure O-1**. An example of the temperature TMDL and ITL application to a water body is provided at the end of this appendix.

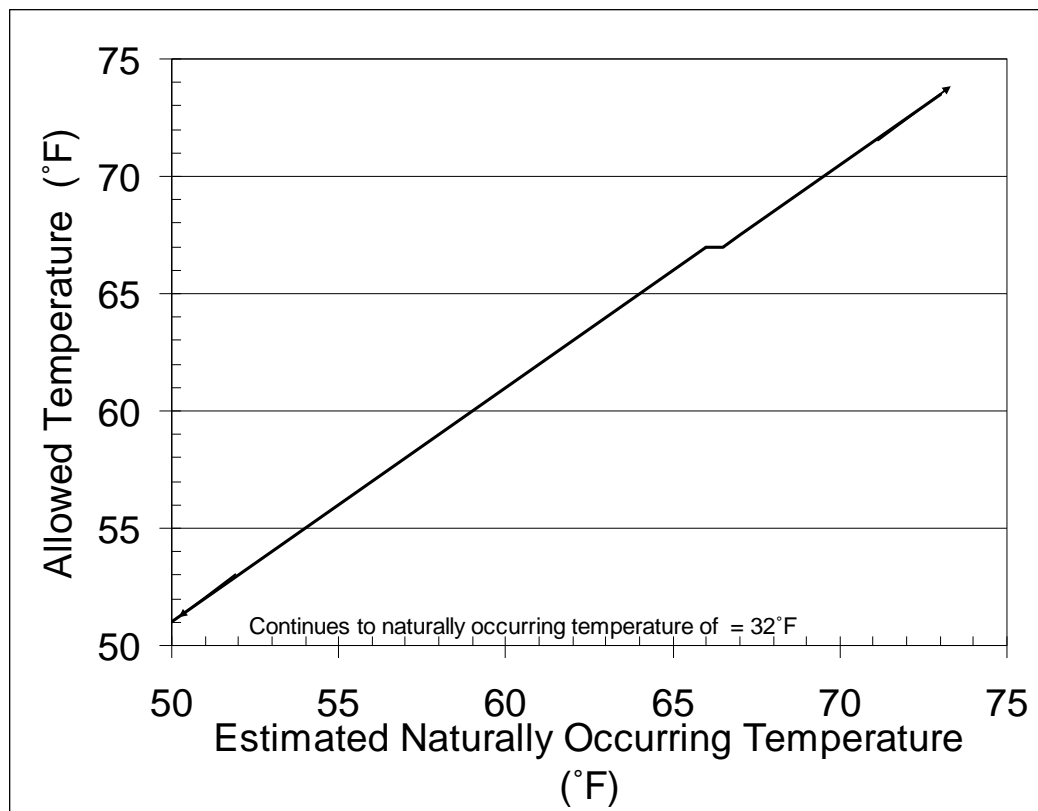


Figure O-1. In-stream Temperatures Allowed by Montana's B-1 Classification Temperature Standard

Daily Thermal Load

The allowed temperature can be calculated using Montana's B1 classification temperature standards (**Figure O-1**) and using a modeled or estimated naturally occurring daily average temperature. The daily average total maximum load at any location in the water body is provided **Equation O-2**. The daily allowable loading is expressed as the allowable loading to the liquid form of the water in the stream. This is defined as the kilocalorie increase associated with the warming of the water from 32°F to the temperature that represents compliance with Montana's temperature standard as determined from **Figure O-1**.

Equation O-2

$$(\Delta - 32) * (Q) * (1359209) = \text{TMDL}$$

Where:

Δ = allowed temperatures from **Figure O-1** using daily temperature condition

Q = average daily discharge in cubic feet per second (CFS)

TMDL = daily TMDL in Calories (kilocalories) per day above water's melting point

Conversion factor = 1359209

There are no point sources that increase water temperatures, and therefore, no wasteload allocations in the St. Regis watershed. The TMDL load allocation for each stream is a combination of the 1°F allowable loading shared between the human caused sources identified in the stream in addition to the naturally occurring loading as defined in state law. See the main document for more information about the allocations. The daily TMDL allocation is equal to the load allocation shared by all human-caused sources plus the load allocated to naturally occurring temperatures as shown in **Equation O-3**.

Equation O-3

Load Allocation = Allowable Human Sources + Naturally Occurring Thermal Loads

Where:

Naturally Occurring Thermal Loads = (Naturally Occurring Temperature (°F) from Modeling Scenarios - 32)*(Discharge (CFS))*(1359209)

Allowable Human Sources = (1°F)*(1359209)*(Discharge (CFS))

Instantaneous Thermal Load

Because of the dynamic temperature conditions during the course of a day, an instantaneous load is also provided for temperature. For temperature, the daily average thermal conditions are not always an effective indicator of impairment to fisheries. The heat of the day is the usually the most stressful timeframe for salmonids and char. Also, in high altitudes, thermal impacts that heat during the day may produce advanced cooling conditions during the night so that the daily temperature fluctuations increase greatly with potentially significant negative impacts to fish without much impact on daily average temperature conditions. Therefore, Montana provides an instantaneous thermal load to protect during the hottest timeframes in mid to late afternoon when temperatures are most stressful to the fishery, which is the most sensitive use in reference to thermal conditions.

The instantaneous load is computed by the second. The allowed temperature can be calculated using Montana's B1 classification temperature standards (**Figure O-1**) and using a modeled or estimated naturally occurring instantaneous temperature. The instantaneous total maximum load (per second) at any location in the water body is provided **Equation O-4**. The allowable loading over a second is expressed as the allowable loading to the liquid form of the water in the stream. This is defined as the kCal increase associated with the warming of the water from 32°F to the temperature that represents compliance with Montana's temperature standard as determined from **Figure O-1**.

Equation O-4

$$(\Delta-32)*(Q)*(15.73158) = \text{Instantaneous Thermal Load (ITL)}$$

Where:

Δ = allowed temperatures from **Figure O-1** using daily temperature condition

Q = instantaneous discharge in CFS

ITL = Allowed thermal load per second in kilocalories per day above water's melting point

Conversion factor = 15.73158

There are no point sources that increase water temperatures, and therefore, no wasteload allocations in the St. Regis watershed. The ITL load allocation for each stream is a combination of the 1°F allowable loading shared between the human caused sources identified in the stream in addition to the naturally occurring loading as defined in state law. See the main document for more information about the allocations. The ITL allocation is equal to the load allocation shared by all human caused sources plus the load allocated to naturally occurring temperatures as shown in **Equation O-5**.

Equation O-5

$$\text{Load Allocation} = \text{Allowable Human Sources} + \text{Naturally Occurring Thermal Loads}$$

Where:

$$\text{Naturally Occurring Thermal Loads} = (\text{Naturally Occurring Temperature (°F) from Modeling Scenarios} - 32) * (\text{Discharge (CFS)}) * (15.73158)$$

$$\text{Allowable Human Sources} = (1^\circ\text{F}) * (15.73158) * (\text{Discharge (CFS)})$$

Margins of Safety, Seasonal Variations and Future Sources

See Section 7 of the main document for this discussion.

Example Numeric TMDL Application for Twelvemile Creek

Twelvemile Creek Daily Thermal Load Example Application

A calibrated QUAL2K thermal loading modeling was constructed for Twelvemile Creek. A model scenario used reference riparian shade conditions throughout the watershed to estimate naturally occurring temperatures. The monitoring and modeling effort is described in **Appendix C**. Naturally occurring average daily temperature at Twelvemile Creek's mouth during one of the hottest days of summer 2006 was estimated at 57.7°F. However, calibration of the mean daily

temperature in the model was about 0.7°F lower than the existing data at this site, therefore we will raise this modeled estimate by the calibration error to 58.4°F. This temperature is then used to determine the allowable temperature according to **Figure O-1**, Montana's temperature standard. The allowable mean daily temperature is estimated at 59.4°F during the hottest days of the summer. **Equation O-2** from above is used to calculate Twelvemile Creek's TMDL during the hottest days of the summer.

$$(\Delta-32)*(Q)*(1359209) = \text{TMDL}$$

Where:

Δ = allowed temperatures from **Figure O-1** using daily temperature condition = **59.4°F**

Q = average daily discharge in cubic feet per second (CFS) = **10.3cfs**

TMDL = daily TMDL in Calories (kilocalories) per day above water's

melting point = **383595964 kilocal/day**

Twelvemile Creek's load allocation for the allowable human caused thermal loading portion of the TMDL is 1359209 kilocalories per day and is appropriated to all human caused sources combined, which are identified in Section 7 of the main document. The remainder of the TMDL is appropriated to naturally occurring thermal load. Since there are no NPDES permits that affect water temperature, there is zero waste load allocation. The remainder of the TMDL is apportioned to natural thermal loading. Currently the daily total maximum daily load is being met.

During the hottest day of 2006, the mean daily temperature of this site was 59.36°F, which equates to a thermal load of 3830359699 kilocal/day and is just under the state's standard and the TMDL when a daily averaged timeframe is considered. Because this site in Twelvemile Creek is meeting Montana's temperature standard during an average daily condition, it also meets the average daily TMDL. Montana's temperature standard is applied to any timeframe because no duration is provided in the standard. Therefore, we will also investigate the instantaneous thermal load. The instantaneous load will consider heating during the warm summer afternoons when the fishery is stressed the most.

Twelvemile Creek Instantaneous Thermal Load

The instantaneous thermal load (ITL) is described as the heat passing a monitoring location per second. The most sensitive timeframe for the fishery occurs during the heat of the day for the hottest period of the year. The same modeling described in this appendix was used to model daily maximum temperatures. The naturally occurring daily maximum temperature at Twelvemile Creek's mouth during one of the hottest days of summer 2006 was estimated at 65.6°F using a QUAL2K model. However, calibration of the maximum temperature in the model was about 2.9°F higher than the existing data at this site; therefore we will lower this modeled estimate by the calibration error to 62.7°F. This temperature is then used to determine the allowable temperature according to **Figure O-1**, Montana's temperature standard. Therefore, the allowable maximum temperature during this timeframe is estimated at 63.7°F during one of the hottest days of the summer. **Equation O-4** from above is used to calculate Twelvemile Creek's ITL during one of the hottest days of the summer.

$$(\Delta-32)*(Q)*(15.73158) = \text{Instantaneous Thermal Load (ITL)}$$

Where:

Δ = allowed temperatures from **Figure O-1** using daily temperature condition = **63.7°F**

Q = average daily discharge in cubic feet per second (CFS) = **10.3cfs**

ITL = Allowed thermal load per second in kilocalories per day above water's

melting point = **5137 kilocal/second**

Twelvemile Creek's load allocation for the ITL is 15.73158 kilocalories per second and is appropriated to all human caused sources combined, which are identified in Section 7 of the main document. Since there are no NPDES permits that affect water temperature, there is zero waste load allocation. The remainder of the load allocation for the ITL is apportioned to naturally occurring thermal loading.

During the hottest day of 2006, the hottest temperature measured at this site was 67.1°F, which equates to a thermal load of 5687 kilocal/sec. The temperature is above the State's temperature standard and the thermal load is above the allowable instantaneous load when considered during a one second timeframe. Because this site in Twelvemile Creek is not meeting Montana's temperature standard during a one second timeframe, the thermal load during a one second timeframe is also above the ITL. This scenario would hold true for an hourly time step also. This indicates that Montana's temperature standard at this site is not being met during an important timeframe for the most sensitive use.

A similar analysis could be completed for Big Creek and St. Regis River, but for the sake of brevity is not provided since it is easy to figure if the TMDL and ITL are met by looking at measured temperatures and comparing them to Montana's temperatures standard instead of caloric loads.